

## Staff Report City of Richmond, Virginia



## **Commission of Architectural Review**

1. COA-111519-2022	Final Review	Meeting Date: 5/24/2022
Applicant/Petitioner	Anne Grier	
Project Description	Replace an existing rear aluminum fence with a stucco clad masonry wall and metal gate.	
Project Location	3411 3400 903 3333/33	3329/3327
Address: 3317 Monument Ave.	3499 3409 3322	5321/3316 5317
Historic District: Monument Avenue	3410 3410 3410	3314
High-Level Details:	3401	3312
The Applicant proposes to replace an existing black, aluminum rear fence with a 6-foot wall clad in stucco.		3220/
The stucco color will be "sand" and the texture will match the stucco on the main dwelling's rear addition, which was constructed in 2015	3403	3218 3216 3216 3212 3299 3212 3223 3223
The stucco clad wall will have two black aluminum gates with minimal ornamentation.	3330 3328 5324 5322 5320 3316 3314 5312 3310 5306 5300 5300 5300 5300 5300 5300 530	809 811 3217 807 3217 807 3207 3207 5207 5207 5205 3203 3203 3203 3203
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
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Previous Reviews	In 2015, the Commission approved the construction of a rear addition to the main dwelling.	
Conditions for Approval	Staff recommends that the final gate design not include decorative elements, but rather be a simple design, similar to the existing gates, specifications be submitted to staff for review and approval.	

## **Staff Analysis**

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
Standards For Site improvements,	5. When considering the design of new fences, remember that some districts, such as Church Hill North and Union Hill,	The applicant is proposing to replace an existing black, aluminum, rear fence with a stucco clad wall, which will be a simple design

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historically featured modest wooden picket fences, while some districts, such as Monument Avenue and West Grace Street, more rarely had fences, and when they did occur, were rarely wooden picket fences. In the event of a conjectural fence, the design should seek simplicity, rather than elaboration.

- 6. A new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District. Height restrictions are governed by the Zoning Ordinance.
- 9. Rear-yard privacy fences should mimic traditional fence designs.

and feature materials that are common in the district and present on the existing dwelling.

The wall will extend along the side and rear property lines, and will be six feet tall and consist of ten foot wide wall sections divided by vertical pillars with 12x12" limestone caps.

There are many examples of rear wall throughout the Monument Avenue City Old and Historic District, mostly brick, however stucco examples, while not as common, are present.

There will be two, black, aluminum gates associated with the wall. The gates will be a simple design with vertical pickets and decorative pointed caps. Staff recommends that the final gate design not include decorative elements, but rather be a simple design, similar to the existing gates, specifications be submitted to staff for review and approval.

## **Figures**



Figure 1. Façade photo



Figure 3. Existing rear aluminum fence. CAR Files, Feb. 2019



Figure 2. Example stucco wall